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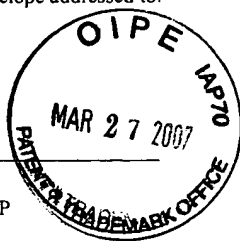
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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 021825-004710US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Chakravarti, Shukti

Application No.: 09/694,758

Filed: October 23, 2000

For: GENE EXPRESSION PROFILING  
OF INFLAMMATORY BOWEL  
DISEASE

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 7408

Examiner: Liu, Sue Xu

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 23, 2006 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) along with a Petition for a two-month extension of time accompany the present response.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.